

RENTON CITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

May 4, 1998 Council Chambers
Monday, 7:30 p.m. Municipal Building

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Jesse Tanner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag and called the meeting of the Renton City Council to order.

ROLL CALL OF COUNCILMEMBERS

BOB EDWARDS, Council President; TONI NELSON; KATHY KEOLKER-WHEELER; DAN CLAWSON; KING PARKER; TIMOTHY SCHLITZER; RANDY CORMAN.

CITY STAFF IN ATTENDANCE

JESSE TANNER, Mayor; JAY COVINGTON, Chief Administrative Officer; ZANETTA FONTES, Assistant City Attorney; MARILYN PETERSEN, City Clerk; GREGG ZIMMERMAN, Planning/Building/Public Works Administrator; SUSAN CARLSON, Economic Development, Neighborhoods & Strategic Planning Administrator; MICHAEL KATTERMANN, Director of Neighborhoods & Strategic Planning; COMMANDER DENNIS GERBER, Police Department; CHIEF A. LEE WHEELER, Fire Department; DEPUTY CHIEF ART LARSON, Fire Department; DEPUTY CHIEF GARY GOTTI, Fire Department; BATTALION CHIEF KRIS HANSON, Fire Department.

PRESS

Denis Law, *Renton Reporter*

APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES

MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL APPROVE THE MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 1998, AS PRESENTED. CARRIED.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Fire Valley Medical Center
Emergency Evacuation

Fire Chief A. Lee Wheeler reported that last Wednesday, the entire Valley Medical Center was evacuated due to a total power outage. Over one hundred patients were safely relocated to other medical facilities, with no casualties or injuries.

Deputy Chief Gary Gotti read a commendation by Chief Wheeler which praised Battalion Chief Kris Hanson for displaying exemplary skills and leadership in overseeing this complex and sensitive incident. He added that all Renton firefighters, King County medics and other agencies who participated in the evacuation can take pride in a job well done.

Battalion Chief Hanson credited the evacuation's success to all those who had a hand in it, as well as to important regional cooperation processes and procedures that were implemented over the last 20 years.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington reviewed a written administrative report summarizing the City's recent progress towards goals and work programs adopted as part of its business plan for 1998 and beyond. Items noted included:

- * The City Council agendas and minutes are now available on the City's web site, located at www.ci.renton.wa.us.
- * The King County Council's Utilities and Natural Resources Committee voted unanimously to recommend that King County contribute \$1,050,000 to Renton's Cedar River flood control project.
- * Pumps associated with Maplewood Well #12 were installed last week.
- * A second public meeting on the downtown transit center was held Thursday, April 30th, at which time preferred alternatives were selected.

AUDIENCE COMMENT
Citizen Comment Evans -
Airplane Noise

Ralph Evans, 3306 NE 11th Pl., Renton, 98056, described problems with seaplane noise and safety at Renton's Municipal Airport, saying these have gone unresolved for several years. He felt that the larger seaplane operators were simply not interested in addressing these issues.

MOVED BY SCHLITZER, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THIS SUBJECT TO THE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Citizen Comment Deacy -
Whitworth Ave S Dead-
End Brush

Don Deacy, 11002 SE 176th, #B202, Renton, 98058, suggested that the City perform or require the clean-up of brush at the dead end of Whitworth Ave. S. to make this area safer.

Citizen Comment Larsen -
Teasdale Park Security

Darlene Larsen, 2211 Williams Ave. S., Renton, 98055, expressed concern regarding safety and security issues at Teasdale Park on Talbot Hill, saying she has witnessed progressively more late-night activity at this location, including vandalism, drug use and other criminal actions. She suggested that the City install a gate at the parking entrance, to be locked nightly at dusk in an effort to help secure the park and keep the surrounding neighborhood safe.

MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL REFER THE MATTER OF CITY-WIDE PARK SECURITY POLICIES TO THE COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

Citizen Comment Garrett -
Teasdale Park Security

Juanita Garrett, 2217 Williams Ave. S., Renton, 98055, noted her concurrence with Mrs. Larsen's remarks regarding security at Teasdale Park.

Citizen Comment King -
Teasdale Park Security

James King, 706 S. 23rd St., Renton, 98055, also noted his agreement with Mrs. Larsen's remarks.

CONSENT AGENDA

Items on the consent agenda are adopted by one motion which follows the listing. At Council President Edward's request, item 6.d. was removed for separate consideration.

Appeal Western Wireless
(Denied CUP for CMU
Antennas at 1755 NE 48th
St), CU-97-092

City Clerk reported appeal of Hearing Examiner's decision denying a conditional use permit for installation of communications antennas at Shurgard Storage, 1755 NE 48th Street (CU-97-092); appeal filed on 4/23/98 by William H. Chapman, Preston Gates & Ellis, 701 Fifth Ave.,

Seattle, 98104, representing Western Wireless. Refer to Planning & Development Committee.

CAG 97-124, Philip Arnold
Park Playground
Equipment, Promark
Landscaping

Community Services Department submitted CAG-97-124, Philip Arnold Park Playground Equipment Installation project; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$4,722.04, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$3,625.54 to Promark Landscaping & Construction, Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

Court Case CRT-98-009,
Maxwell v Renton

Court Case filed by Richard and Rachelle Maxwell, husband and wife, and Dusten Maxwell, a minor, alleging negligence and seeking unspecified monetary damages as compensation for injuries sustained by Dusten Maxwell on 7/12/95, when he nearly drowned at the City-owned Henry Moses Swimming Pool. Refer to City Attorney and Insurance Services.

CAG 96-001, Lk Wash
Blvd Bike & Ped Facilities,
Tydico

Transportation Systems Division submitted CAG-96-001, Lake Washington Boulevard Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities; and requested approval of the project, authorization for final pay estimate in the amount of \$114,893.85, commencement of 60-day lien period, and release of retained amount of \$62,679.36 to Tydico Construction Inc., contractor, if all required releases are obtained. Council concur.

**MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL
APPROVE THE CONSENT AGENDA AS AMENDED TO REMOVE ITEM
6.d. FOR SEPARATE CONSIDERATION. CARRIED.**

**Separate Consideration
Item 6.d.**

Rezone Austin Site, 800
SW 16th St, from IM to
CO (R-97-161)

Hearing Examiner recommended approval of the Austin Site rezone from Medium Industrial (IM) to Commercial Office (CO); 3.2 acres located at 800 SW 16th Street (R-97-161).

Citizen Comment Roush -
Austin Site Rezone, 800
SW 16th St, from IM to
CO (R-97-161)

Correspondence was read from Jeffrey A. Roush, Martin Smith Real Estate Services, 1109 First Ave. Suite 500, Seattle, 98101. Mr. Roush requested that the Austin Site rezone (3.2 acres located at 800 SW 16th Street, File No. R-97-161) be held in abeyance until the end of this year, pending efforts to market the property for potential hotel development.

CORRESPONDENCE
Citizen Comment Jones -
Cedar River Bridge
Historic Lighting

Correspondence was read from Norma Lou Jones, President, Renton Historical Society, 235 Mill Ave. S., Renton, 98055, expressing appreciation for the City's accomplishment in relighting the historic Cedar River Bridge.

OLD BUSINESS
Development Services City
Code Title IV
Reorganization

Commending staff on the recent reorganization of City Code Title IV, Councilman Corman inquired about "interim" ordinances in this section of the Code. Chief Administrative Officer Jay Covington replied that this phase

of the Title IV work concentrated only on reorganizing the material. Phase II will clarify and reword content, where needed.

Legal Household Pet
Limitations

MOVED BY CORMAN, SECONDED BY PARKER, COUNCIL REFER THE CODE REGULATION WHICH LIMITS HOUSEHOLD PETS (INCLUDING DOGS, CATS, RODENTS, DOMESTIC BIRDS AND FISH) TO THREE OR LESS PER RESIDENCE TO THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE. CARRIED.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

The following ordinances were presented for first reading and referred to the Council meeting of 5/11/98 for second and final reading:

Vacation SW 16th/Monster
Rd (Schober, VAC-97-
003)

An ordinance was read vacating a portion of SW 16th Street and Monster Road SW between SW Grady Way and SW Jackson Street (Schober, VAC-97-003). MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 5/11/98. CARRIED.

Development Services City
Code Title IV
Reorganization

An ordinance was read repealing the existing Title IV (Building Regulations) of City Code and adopting the reorganized Title IV (Development Regulations). MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 5/11/98. CARRIED.

Development Services City
Code Title IV
Reorganization

An ordinance was read amending Title I (Administrative), Title II (Commissions and Boards), Title III (Departments), Title V (Business Regulations), Title VII (Fire Regulations), Title VIII (Health and Sanitation), and Title IX (Public Ways and Property) of City Code by incorporating Code language which was formerly located within Title IV (Building Regulations), and deleting certain Code sections which will now be located within Title IV. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 5/11/98. CARRIED.

Development Services
Electronic Msg Board
Signs for Auto Dealerships
(Automall Area)

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 20, Sign Code, of Title IV (Building Regulations) of City Code by allowing electronic message board signs for auto dealerships located within the Automall area. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CORMAN, COUNCIL REFER THE ORDINANCE FOR SECOND AND FINAL READING ON 5/11/98. CARRIED.

The following ordinances were presented for second and final reading:

Ordinance #4719
Transportation Commute
Trip Reduction (CTR)
Ordinance Changes

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 13, Commute Trip Reduction, of Title X (Traffic), of City Code by incorporating recent legislative and administrative changes to the State's commute trip reduction program. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS

PRESENTED. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

Ordinance #4720

Planning Downtown (City Center) Sign Code

An ordinance was read amending Chapter 20, Sign Code, and deleting subsection 4-31-14.A.1 of Chapter 31, Zoning Code, of Title IV (Building Regulations) of City Code relating to regulation of signs in the City Center area as defined, adding and amending definitions, and making minor amendments to the Sign Code. MOVED BY EDWARDS, SECONDED BY CLAWSON, COUNCIL ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AS PRESENTED. ROLL CALL: ALL AYES. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Event 1998 Put a Shine on Downtown Renton

Council President Edwards invited public participation in the downtown area's "Put a Shine on Downtown Renton" clean-up event, scheduled for Friday and Saturday, May 8th and 9th.

Planning City Area Identification Effort

Councilmember Keolker-Wheeler proposed a neighborhood identification effort by which individual areas or districts (be they residential or commercial) could be distinguished using mechanisms such as signage. MOVED BY KEOLKER-WHEELER, SECONDED BY SCHLITZER, COUNCIL REFER THIS CONCEPT TO THE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE FOR EXPLORATION. CARRIED.

ADJOURNMENT

MOVED BY PARKER, SECONDED BY NELSON, COUNCIL ADJOURN. CARRIED. Time: 8:37 p.m.

MARILYN J. PETERSEN, CMC, City Clerk

Recorder: Brenda Fritsvold
5/04/98